

husband, if not upon that difference due to my wishes as principle."

Another note of the same date says: "Mr. Comstock comes after my wife. I presume she will testify. Friday or Monday? My mother testifies tomorrow, I suppose, and some others, possibly Mr. Catlin or other witnesses, or Willie's two brothers (the last the usual one), and his threats and his ring. He always told her, 'You know nothing at all yet.' That removes danger of 'contagion' of ring or other matters. I hope you can now answer my early note. This requires time."

In one of his letters to Mr. Delmas Thaw enclosed five pages of questions which he declared Anthony Comstock might answer as to Thaw's work with him.

THAW'S LETTERS TO HIS BANKER

Mr. Jerome Makes Public Correspondence between Prisoner and J. D. Lyon.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Forming part of the application of District Attorney Jerome for a commission in lunacy to determine the mental condition of Harry K. Thaw are a series of letters, the contents of which have been made public. They were written from the Tombs prison, as the postmaster shows, to J. Delmas Thaw, of the Union National Bank of Lyons, who, in the letters themselves is called "Dear Denny." None of the letters is dated.

Mr. Lyon "came voluntarily" from Pittsburgh in the early part of the trial, but did not bring the correspondence with him. He promised to forward it to the clerk of the court, which he eventually did. The district attorney has made this correspondence part of his moving papers to show the inconsistency of Thaw's mind while he was awaiting trial. They are as follows: The Republican Club, of the City of New York, 54 and 56 West Fortieth Street.

Dear Denny—I am sorry that the manager of Miss N's hotel is an idiot. Sue stopped one night at a place called the —, but was disturbed by street noises. The hotel contains ladies who have frequently invited me for the night.

No one was moved and all meals were served.

Now she has a better place with a nice woman, Mrs. Kane, a friend of her family.

I never saw this —, nor spoke, nor wrote to him.

You know of her misfortunes. Mr. Holman married her Mother three years too late. He is trying to keep her quiet, and must do so.

Should the facts come out, no one but would believe she sold the child to the most notorious bastard in N. Y.

Everything proves it.

I, and a very few other persons know she did not mean wrong, but since infancy she was jealous of and disliked the child, and was guilty to an unbelievable extent by this black-guard —.

If he says anything to any of us or any one, assure Mr. H. that they must say nothing. Unless she desires to accuse the criminal, thereby showing that she and the girl were innocent victims, and the girl not even foolish, but thrown by an inconceivably unwise relative.

You must know this in case Mr. H. is overheard. (He desires silence) so you can hold him "dead." He knows I could "otherwise" gladly marry and no one object.

I purposely confuse these pronouns, though this letter is only for yr private ear.

Otherwise all very well.

Of course it is hard on all. I can't regret it more—and all caused by the popular baboon—at heart the worst rotter in America.

Best regards—when shd I come to pgh, and for 2 days or a week.

Yrs very sincerely,
H. K. Thaw.

"Never Put This Bill."

The Walcott, Thirty-first street and



"Berry's for Clothes"—the distinguishing sort.

HANDSOME EASTER SUITS AT BERRY'S.

It is now almost an unwritten law that Easter is the paring of the ways between Winter and Spring fashions. Our store is prepared for the change. Everything that's new for Men and Boys' Wear is here—from head to foot. Just drop by and slip on our NEW SPRING MODEL FROCK COAT. The grace and elegance combined. \$50 for Coat and Waistcoat.

O. H. Berry & Company,
Successors to the Merchant Tailors.

Fifth avenue, New York:

Never pay this outlawed bill of —. I do not let my estate pay it. \$7.50 of it is a swindle—they will not arrive so now it all is outlawed, and I have never been a foreign resident.

Says He "Seemed Over-Rich."

Dear Denny
I only need 10 to 15,000 for the 2 Stacks (I have them already) but I need \$200,000 (profit). As I seemed over-rich I paid 1200 plus 500 plus X equaling about \$300 of bills.

15000
5000
15000
7000
Cash left from 5000 cheques
to Gates & Co. most of which I can return in ten days) 5000

Smithfield St.
Coke
(Cash left from 5000 cheques
to Gates & Co. most of which I can return in ten days) 5000

Now they might say how much they ed. Loan on 5th St. property—50000 to \$65000.00? Excuse scratchy letter.

Y's S E-C.
H. K. Thaw.

What percent is \$125000.00 a year on fourteen million allowing for sink fund? Answer, minus 2 percent.

Orders Stock Shares Sold.
51 West Fortieth St.,
New York, N. Y.

You ordered Man. sold at 166 3/4 and the N. Y. C. sold at 151 anyway.

Dear Denny,
Was let low with—

If there is any muss there, please use your power of Atty to order sold for my account with H. S. and Co. 1,000 Manhattan.

Then withdraw my balance there (about \$1,500) and deposit it in Union Bank.

If they are safe, as I suppose, only have enclosed letter delivered.

It contains a check for \$7,500 for

If that overdraws me please arrange it. I shall return it in a few days.

Please telegraph.
Letter delivered—all safe.

Letter returned, am closing account. Very truly,
54 West 40th St. H. K. Thaw.

Lost \$1,400 at Monte Carlo.
Grand Hotel Bellagio, Apr 14
Hotel Villa Serbelloni 4855
Bellagio

Lago di Como
Dear Denny
I'm sorry to trouble you but I don't understand.

I was overdrawn.....10062.24
Paid in..... 8322.70
Paid in..... 8322.70
6350 (?)

Did you make a note for \$10000—leaving my balance near nine thousand, or make a note for 1130.85 leaving no balance?

I lost almost nothing at M. C. playing. Just 1400.00 for 4 weeks, a less than the percentage. I bought some pearls and a very strong automobile.

Is — touched?
I was lunching with a girl when I

saw him first, he asked her to dinner, and talked.

Next day (he had an idea it was dishonorable) he told the girl of his enormous admiration. She told me, and I said don't mind. She never let him march around with her like he was most anxious to have she and me with him to show his position?

He said many weird things—here is one of the best.

He wanted to give the girl \$200,000.00 at once and promise \$100,000.00 a year to her lawyers to draw up the papers and have them signed before he came near her. (She told him not to talk like that and moved over to where I was)

You best can learn the situation. If you will let me know your opinions I shall be glad. They are about ripe for a scandal. It seems if you or all of us (and hear others move).

Yours s — s.
H. K. Thaw.

A Criticism of Jerome.
To-morrow Gleason goes for Jerome—unfortunately under the N. Y. code there is no precedent for our motion. Jerome's delay is without precedent in an important case where defendant was ready. We could beat him in U. S. Court, but too slowly; so if this don't bring him, we could try the N. Y. Atty-Gen.

Yr. v. y.
H. K. Thaw.

Maliciously Used Henry's Name.
Is there any possible way for us to get stuff in my box in fidelity without key. Judge O lost my keys.

Dear Denny,
We send you 2 copies of the Herald (not directly connected with

Journal not bad
Sun Times World Press

It is better, as Henry has a family and his brother has not, that Henry use those things. I don't believe that — got away with any lady, but he may have been a temporary nuisance.

The — firm are a company & can be used themselves. They maliciously used Henry's name. The N. Y. papers might claim change of name as "accident."

The man — owns 90 per cent. of bureau.

Of course Henry will do as he & his lawyers think best. The stronger he strikes the better. I think for us & (c) if he incidentally distresses the fool charge.

Yrs s — s H. K. Thaw.

Thaw Tired and Lonesome.
Private
Dear Denny

His red-headed Lonesome. The enemies of fair trials seems to be on strike. We reached a couple of subpoena, which may have vexed them. However, while the lies supply is stopped, the firm are providing a superb entertainment for us.

All very well. Except I have tonsillitis. Feel very tired & cant swallow.

Did you ever hear a story complaining with the wife of a lawyer. It was ready for publication in P gh when he persuaded that firm to suppress it. Probably that connection made much trouble. We can't have satisfaction however. Every lie means that they are more desperate.

Enclosed in the cheque for int. to Jan 1.
Yrs Very Sincerely—
H. K. Thaw.

Thaw Speaks of Blackmail.
Dear Denny,
Happy Christmas and Happy New Year and many of them.

We find that these rascals "held up"—but he would not shake—of

course his position was "Indefinite."

Another fact.
They went to sell out for \$50,000. They claim they make 14 or 15,000 a year, besides blackmail.

A number of people in P gh now are working to crush them. If you see the Chamber of Commerce people will you inquire—and if you care to act with them, and give them back anything that comes of it any "row" or action will benefit me.

You best can learn the situation. If you will let me know your opinions I shall be glad. They are about ripe for a scandal. It seems if you or all of us (and hear others move).

Yours s — s.
H. K. Thaw.

GET MARRIED QUICK.
Has Already Married Thirty-Three Couples Under New Law.

PORT DODGE, IA., March 23.—What with performing without fees the marriage ceremonies of those who desire to escape the penalties of the new Port Dodge ordinance aimed at marriageable people who refuse to marry, and answering the claims and letters of exultation which he is receiving from bachelors and spinsters in all parts of the country, Mayor S. J. Bennett expressed fear that his other duties are liable to be sadly neglected.

The "must-marry" ordinance was passed Wednesday night; Thursday, to the utter disgust of the Port clergy, Mayor Bennett performed nineteen marriage ceremonies and yesterday fourteen.

The Port Dodge ministerial association threatens to pass caustic resolutions, alleging that the sacred marriage rites was being vitiated by such spectacles.

Hockaday-Tompkins.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 23.

Robert Hockaday and Miss Anna Tompkins, both of Spotsylvania county, were married Thursday at the home of the bride, near Partlow's, Rev. J. S. Ryland, of Caroline, performing the ceremony.

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Virginia—Fair, continued warm Sunday; showers and cold in afternoon or night in north portions; Monday: fair, fresh south to west winds.

Richmond: fair, fresh south to west winds. Sunday and Monday, continued warm; fresh south to west winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.
Richmond's weather was clear and hot. Range of the thermometer:

9 A. M. 77 6 P. M. 87
12 M. 75 9 P. M. 82
3 P. M. 94 12 midnight 66
Average 80 1/2

Highest temperature yesterday..... 91
Lowest temperature yesterday..... 66
Mean temperature yesterday..... 81
Normal temperature yesterday..... 68
Normal temperature today..... 68
Departure from normal temperature..... 13

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CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.
(At 8 P. M., Eastern Time.)

Place. Ther. H. T. Weather.
Albany, N. Y. 74 81 Clear
Atlanta, Ga. 78 86 Clear
Buffalo, N. Y. 46 54 Rain
Chicago, Ill. 80 88 Rain
Cincinnati, O. 78 84 Clear
Detroit, Mich. 60 66 Clear
Jacksonville, Fla. 82 90 Clear
Kansas City, Mo. 82 90 Clear
Lebanon, Mo. 70 80 Cloudy
Memphis, Tenn. 76 80 Cloudy
New Orleans, La. 79 81 Clear
Oklahoma City, Okla. 74 84 P. cloudy
Portland, Me. 74 84 Clear
Raleigh, N. C. 80 82 Clear
Savannah, Ga. 76 84 Clear
St. Louis, Mo. 76 84 Clear
Norfolk, Va. 76 84 Clear
Washington 76 84 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.
March 24, 1907.

Sun rises..... 6:09 HIGH TIDE..... 12:56
Sun sets..... 6:24 Morning..... 12:56
Moon sets..... 2:31 Evening..... 1:08

CHICAGO, March 23.—To the ringing cheers of a crowded house Harry K. Thaw was acquitted in the last act of a drama in the International Theatre on Wabash Avenue.

The play is in four acts, by Adolph Zolotarefsky, and was given in composite dialect. It swung from German interior to English, and back again. Ellis P. Glikman, who has staged and produced all the Yiddish plays in the city, is at the head of the "Thaw" production, and plays the part of "White." The other characters are "Harry K. Thaw," "Evelyn Nesbit," "Mrs. Thaw," reporters, detectives and chorus girls.

The story begins with the European trip. In the second act is the marriage scene in Pittsburgh. Fearfully the mother pleaded with "Miss Nesbit" to give up her son, and she was about to do so when "Harry" happened in and spoiled all the plans. Then came a grand reconciliation, which brought down the house.

The second scene is in New York. "White" and "Evelyn" are discovered in conversation. "White" attempts to embrace "Evelyn" five or six times. He is very insistent. She doesn't seem to care for him, but he insists on it. Time and tells "White" so. Then he gets very angry and mutters, "I will make you sorry." He leaves the stage as "Harry" dashes in from the other side. Then the audience gave a first cheer at the name "Thaw" brainstorm.

The third act is located in the Madison Square Roof Garden. Wine is flowing. "White" is seated at a table. "Harry" and "Evelyn" and their friend "McCauley" saunter in. They take a table behind "White" and remarks, "She was once the queen of the Tenderloin, but now she is a church member." He points a finger at "Evelyn." "Harry" jumps up. One can see he is wearing a red waistcoat. He dashes over to "White" and demands an explanation. "White" laughs real hard. Then "Harry" draws a revolver and the shooting begins. "White" after much twisting, falls to the floor. Curtain.

The last act shows "Harry" in the Tombs waiting for the verdict. He is visited by "Evelyn" and his mother. The warden announces the jury is ready and "Harry" is led to the courtroom. The judge reads "Thaw" guilty of murder in the first degree. "McCauley" dashes in and shouts, "Thaw is free."

Then the audience yells.

PITTSBURG'S MAYOR SENDS AFFIDAVIT

PITTSBURG, March 23.—An affidavit relative to the present mental condition of Harry K. Thaw was today granted by District Attorney Jerome this afternoon by Mayor George W. Guthrie and contained in the affidavit

are copies of the two letters written to Mayor Guthrie by Thaw during the past week. The letters were in reference to a contribution of \$100, which Thaw sent here for the relief of the flood sufferers, and which was refused by the Mayor, as the funds in being raised for that purpose. In the second letter there is a broken sentence and the entire letter is also slightly incoherent.

Mayor Guthrie is one of the leading lawyers of the city and has been an intimate friend of the Thaw family for many years. In view of this he was asked by Mr. Jerome to give his opinion regarding the sanity of Thaw from observations of the young man, and from the letters. This Mayor Guthrie did. While the contents of the affidavit were not made public, it is understood that the Mayor gave his opinion that Thaw is now insane and has been for several years past.

FOOTWEAR IN DEMAND.

American Boots and Shoes Used in the Netherlands.

BOSTON, March 23.—In answer to an inquiry from a Brooklyn manufacturer of boots and shoes in regard to introducing high-topped boots into the Netherlands, United States Consul Lister, of Rotterdam, says:

There is but little demand for high-topped boots in this country, there being very little hunting or horseback riding done here. The selling price of American boots and shoes is but slightly higher in Rotterdam than in the United States, only the ocean freight being the duty, 5 per cent, and valorem, being added to the price.

American boots and shoes are sold at Rotterdam against thirty days' sight draft. It is not necessary to describe on the invoices all the materials used in the manufacturing of the shoes, simply the kind of leather is sufficient. The boots and shoes can be marked with the American sizes.

The catalogues and other literature sent to the Netherlands may be printed in English or in Dutch; for stylish goods English will answer just as well.

Events of Week.

The chief days of the week are Spy Wednesday, Maundy or Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. The first is named as a commemoration of the treachery of Judas Iscariot in betraying his Master. It is understood that at this time he was venturing upon the deed which was consummated on Thursday night.

Maundy Thursday is named from the word "mandatum," which commences one of the church services of that day which is sung in commemoration of the washing by Christ of the feet of His twelve apostles. In Rome on Maundy Thursday it is the custom of the Pope to wash the feet of thirteen poor people. St. Paul, having raised to the apostleship, the number included in that body is therefore considered as thirteen. The custom of washing the feet of poor people or of pilgrims is an old one, as it is referred to by St. Augustine in many of his writings. In many cases it was accompanied by the distribution of doles to beggars.

The Messiah washed the feet of His apostles at the Last Supper, when the Holy Eucharist was instituted, and it is the later event that Maundy Thursday chiefly commemorates.

Solemn Services.

Good Friday is the most solemn of all the days of Holy Week, commemorating, as it does, the crucifixion of the Christ. The churches of houses of worship are denuded that day to signify the desolation of the church.

One of the most solemn services of Holy Week in the Catholic churches is the chanting of the Tenebrae, which is given on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During this office a large candlestick is placed near the altar bearing fifteen tapers disposed in a triangle and representing the light of Christ. As the psalms of the office are sung the tapers are extinguished until only the top one remains. This is taken down during the Mass and carried behind the altar to signify the temporary extinction of the light of Christ between His death and resurrection.

Holy Saturday is a day of mourning and waiting. It commemorates the descent of Christ's soul into limbo, while His body rests in the grave. Its principal ceremonies are the solemn blessing of fire and of the water of the baptismal font. From the fire that is blessed on that day is lighted the paschal light, which is regarded as a symbol of Christ risen from the dead, and this symbolical light is kept burning throughout the interval between Easter and Pentecost.

The churches will be distributed to the congregations by the different Catholic churches of the city at high mass this morning.

Description of Tenebrae.

Father Thomas A. Rankin, who will conduct the chanting of the Tenebrae at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, yesterday furnished the following statement to The Times-Dispatch with regard to that interesting service:

One of the most striking characters of human nature is to give outward expression by words and signs of the interior sentiments of the soul. It is true, not only of individuals, but of whole nations as well. On days of great joy, such as national holidays, flags are hoisted and salutes fired; on days of sorrow, flags are draped at midheight, and on our public buildings are draped in mourning. Amongst religious organizations, none recognizes so well the usefulness of this symbolism, none uses it to such advantage as the Catholic Church.

Each year she celebrates the mysteries of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ, with most suggestive ceremonial. On Passion Sunday she puts on her garments of mourning, every statue and crucifix in her churches being concealed by purple veils. On Palm, or next Sunday, she commemorates the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem by the distribution of the Blessed Palms.

But the most striking service of all is the commemoration of His death and burial. This service, commonly called the "Tenebrae," takes place on the evenings of Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

The name, "Tenebrae," a Latin word signifying "darkness," is given to this part of the office from the circumstance of extinguishing, during the course of it, all the candles and lights which have been prepared in the sanctuary for the ceremony.

The office consists, each night of eleven psalms, three lamentations and the canticle of Zachary, nearly all of which breathe nothing but sighs and mourning. Its candles, of the size of a tapers, are in a triangular candlestick, burning at the beginning of the office, signify the lights of faith that were preached by the prophets and Jesus Christ.

At the end of each psalm or lamentation, one by one, the fourteen candles on the triangle are extinguished, and during the Canticle of Zachary the candles on the altar, and nearly all of the lights in the church are put out, to teach us that the enemies of the Saviour were totally deprived of faith when they put Him to death. But the fifteenth candle, symbolizing Christ, the "Light of the World," is only hidden for a time behind the altar, to signify that although Christ died in His human nature, yet His divine nature lived and raised up that humanity on the third day. The darkness in the sanctuary, the psalms, the laments and the noise made at the extinguishing of the candles, when the candles were put out, opened, each in turn, and the veil of the temple was torn from top to bottom.

As one would suppose, the music of such a service is not operatic, but solemn and stately, as befits the occasion. The melodies are such as have been

BLESS PALMS IN CHURCHES TO-DAY

Holy Week Begins With Commemoration of Entry of Saviour Into Jerusalem.

TO HOLD SOLEMN SERVICES

Father Rankin Describes Tenebrae to Be Sung at New Cathedral.

Holy Week, closing the Lenten season, is a period of deepest devotion among churchmen of almost every denomination, especially the Catholics, Episcopalians and Lutherans.

Palm Sunday, which is celebrated to-day, commemorates the triumphal entry of the Messiah into Jerusalem, when the people strewed the Saviour's path with palm branches, crying, "Hosanna to the Son of David." The blessing of the Palms is one of the peculiarly impressive and beautiful services of the Catholic Church, and will be observed in all the sanctuaries this morning.

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